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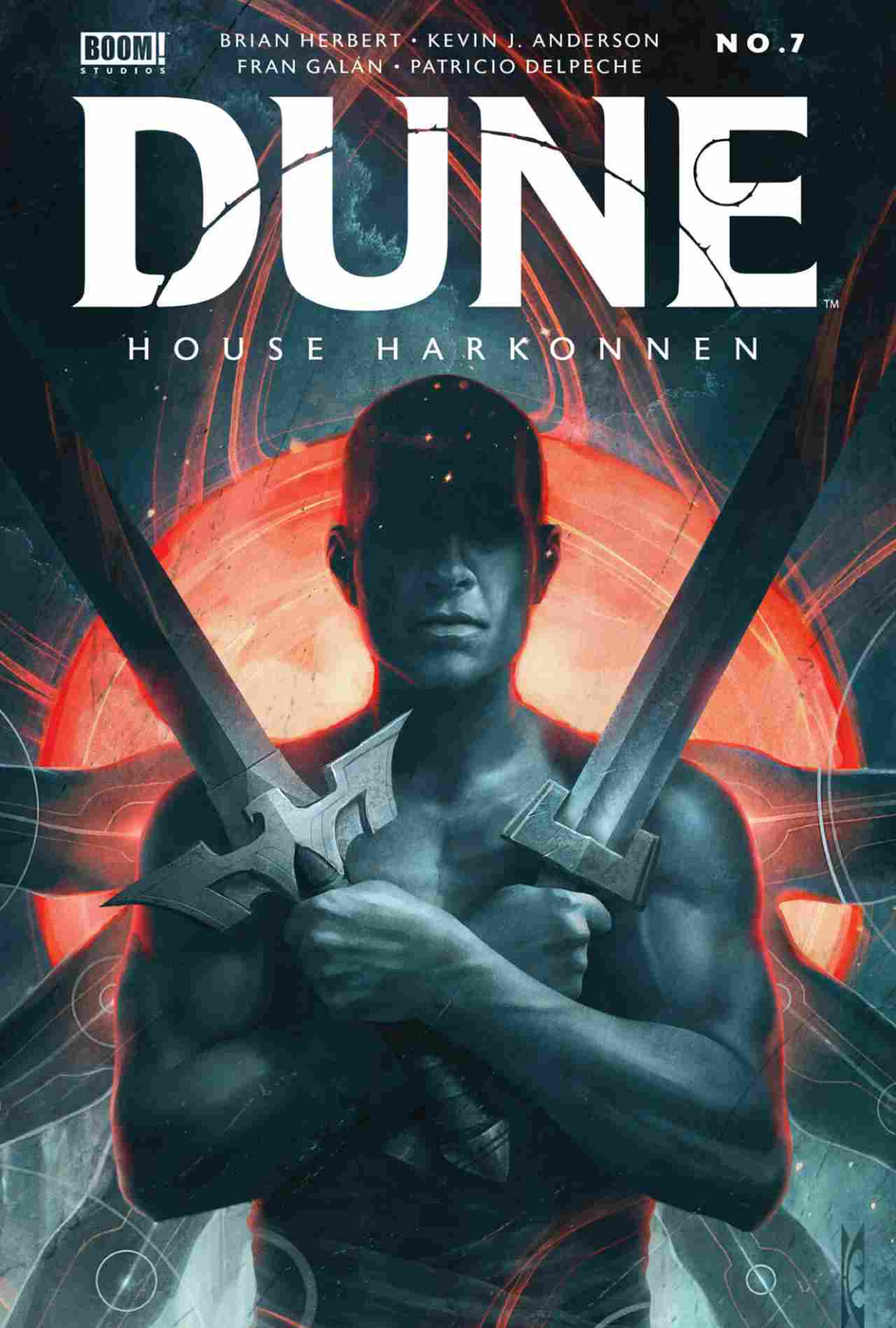

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IX.
RENAMED "XUTTUH" BY THE TLEILAXU INVADERS

I DESPISE THE TLEILAXU...

MIRAL ALECHEM AND I ARE THE ONLY SURVIVORS OF OUR REBEL CELL.

WE WORK. WE DRAW NO ATTENTION TO OURSELVES. WE WAIT.

I KNOW THAT MARK. HOUSE VERNIUS!

PRINCE RHOMBUR SENT THIS...

AT LAST...

THE MATERIALS WE NEED. HE COUNTS ON US TO DISRUPT THE TLEILAXU.

EXPLOSIVE WAFERS!

AND ELECTRONIC OVERRIDE SYSTEMS...

QUICK. WE BOTH KNOW WHAT TO DO.

CONTROLS TO THE CEILING HOLOPROJECTOR PANELS...

THE TLEILAXU RELY ON FEAR... BUT THEIR SECURITY IS WEAK.

I HAVE TO TRUST THAT MIRAL HAS DONE HER PART.

IT MUST HAPPEN SIMULTANEOUSLY. AND IT IS ALMOST TIME...

PRODUCTIVITY MUST INCREASE! WORK HARDER!

HOW I DESPISE THEM!

IT WILL BE SPECTACULAR. THE TLEILAXU MUST NEVER GUESS THAT ONLY TWO OF US REMAIN...

I AM PRINCE RHOMBUR VERNIUS, THE RIGHTFUL RULER OF IX.

I WILL RETURN TO LEAD YOU FROM YOUR SUFFERING UNDER THE TLEILAXU INVADERS!

YOU MUST RISE UP AND OVERTHROW THESE FOUL SLAVE MASTERS! HELP ME RETURN IX TO ITS FORMER GLORY.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE! USE ANY MEANS NECESSARY.

BOOOOM
BOOOOM
BOOOOM

WE ARE UNDER ATTACK! A SABOTEUR ARMY!

A MAGNIFICENT VICTORY! TODAY, IN THE NAME OF PRINCE RHOMBUR VERNIUS, WE STRUCK A BLOW FOR FREEDOM!

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YEARS, I SEE GENUINE *HOPE* IN THEIR EYES!

CALADAN

THANKS TO YOUR HELP, LETO, I FINALLY MANAGED TO GET VITAL MATERIALS TO THE REBELS ON IX. I CAN HELP MY PEOPLE!

HAPPY TO LET YOU STRIKE A BLOW AGAINST THE TLEILAXU INVADERS...AFTER ALL THESE YEARS.

SOMEDAY, I WILL RESTORE HOUSE VERNIUS AND I'LL REGAIN MY NOBLE STATUS. SOMEDAY...

BUT WITH YOUR MOTHER DEAD AND YOUR FATHER RENEGADE, HOW CAN IT EVER BE THE SAME?

AND THERE'S KAILEA...

I KNOW YOU HAVE BEEN SPENDING MUCH MORE TIME WITH JESSICA THAN WITH MY SISTER. UH, IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS...

KAILEA AND I HAVE HAD...DIFFICULTIES. SHE HAS CHANGED SO MUCH, SO BITTER.

BUT SHE IS STILL MY SISTER. AND I KNOW SHE IS HURT. A LITTLE LOST...

I USED TO LOVE HER. AND SHE IS THE MOTHER OF MY SON.

THINGS SHOULD NOT BE SO STRAINED BETWEEN US, EVEN IF... JESSICA...

THANK YOU FOR BEING SO HONEST WITH ME, RHOMBUR. I'LL FIND A WAY TO MAKE IT BETTER FOR HER...

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO, CHIARA? WHY SHOULD I TRY? I HAVE LOST HIM ALREADY.

THAT WITCH JESSICA HAS BENE GESSERIT TRAINING. SHE CAME HERE TO SEDUCE LETO, YOU KNOW IT.

HE DOES NOT EVEN LOOK AT ME ANYMORE.

KAILEA... I CAME TO APOLOGIZE.

THAT IS WHY I STAY HERE IN THESE PRIVATE CHAMBERS. HE NEVER WANTS ME IN HIS BED.

OUR LIVES DID NOT TURN OUT AS EITHER OF US EXPECTED. WE HAVE TAKEN DIFFERENT PATHS.

DIFFERENT PATHS? AND WILL YOU TAKE OUR SON DOWN THIS PATH? WILL YOU TEACH HIM ABOUT "ACCEPTED PRACTICE" WITH YOUR CONCUBINE!

GO TO YOUR BENE GESSERIT WITCH! I HAVE MY OWN NEEDS!

I WILL NOT FIGHT WITH YOU, KAILEA. I CAME TO OFFER A GIFT.

I REMEMBER HOW MUCH YOU LOVED THE BLUE OBSIDIAN IN THE GRAND PALAIS ON IX. IT IS EXPENSIVE MATERIAL, AND NO ONE KNOWS THE SOURCE, BUT MY CONTACTS FROM HAGAL CAN PROVIDE IT.

I'LL REDO YOUR QUARTERS AND THE BANQUET HALL. I HAVE ALREADY ORDERED THE STONE.

IT IS NOT SO EASY TO BRIBE ME.

NOT A BRIBE, AND I EXPECT NOTHING IN RETURN. IT IS JUST A WAY TO HELP YOU REMEMBER BETTER DAYS...

SLAP

UNNGHHH!

NEXT TIME! TRY THAT AGAIN--

OWWW!

GINAZ
SWORDMASTER
SCHOOL

ENOUGH! YOU HAVE PROVED THE POINT.

WOUNDS MAKE BETTER LESSONS THAN LECTURES.

MAYBE YOU CAN BEAT ME NEXT TIME, MY FRIEND!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN? I WON *THIS* TIME!

AFTER SO MANY YEARS, I CANNOT COMPLAIN ABOUT THE FOOD AT THE SWORDMASTER SCHOOL.

WE EAT WELL BECAUSE WE SWEAT IT ALL OFF IN TRAINING!

SOMETIMES, WE CAN FORGET ABOUT THE REST OF THE IMPERIUM...BUT WE CANNOT FORGET WHY WE'RE HERE.

I CAN'T FORGET THE DISGRACE OF HOUSE MORITANI. THE SHAMEFUL ATTACKS ON ECAZ!

ALL MY COMPANIONS LEFT HERE, VOWING TO STAY WITH THE VISCOUNT RATHER THAN FOLLOWING HONOR.

WHERE DOES THAT LEAVE ME?

HIIH RESSER, I HAVE ALREADY WRITTEN TO DUKE LETO. YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO COME TO CALADAN AND JOIN HOUSE ATREIDES.

WHO WOULD DARE TO CHALLENGE THE DUKE IF WE HAD *TWO* SWORDMASTERS OF GINAZ?

THANK YOU, DUNCAN, MY FRIEND...

SHUTTLE JUST LANDED! MAIL DELIVERY!

IDAHO! DUNCAN IDAHO!

AHHH! SOME OF MY FAVORITE THINGS!

TREATS FROM A SWEETHEART BACK HOME? HA! IF YOU GET TOO HOMESICK, YOU ARE WEAK!

IT MAKES ME STRONG TO KNOW MY DUKE REMEMBERS ME, EVEN AFTER ALL THESE YEARS.

AH! PARADAN MELON--MY FAVORITE! RESSER, YOU MUST TRY THIS.

THIS IS DELICIOUS!

I CANNOT WAIT TO GO HOME...

ARRAKIS

THEY ARE SO HAPPY TOGETHER. WARRICK AND FAROULA...

HUSBAND AND WIFE.

HE AND I ACCEPTED THE CHALLENGE FOR HER HAND...AND I MUST ACCEPT THAT HE WON.

CONGRATULATIONS. I WISH YOU BOTH ONLY THE BEST.

PORTYGULS!

I ASKED MY FATHER A FAVOR, SO I COULD GIVE YOU FRESH FRUIT FROM THE HIDDEN PLANTINGS.

IF ONLY I HAD WON THAT RACE...

I AM HAPPY FOR THEM, MOTHER.

BUT YOUR HEART IS STILL BROKEN. YOU KNOW WHAT YOU MUST DO...

"MY SON LIET MUST GO ON A HAJJ..."

IN TIMES OF MENTAL TURMOIL, A MAN GOES AWAY TO BE ALONE WITH HIS THOUGHTS.

I COULD BE GONE FOR YEARS.

BUT I HAVE SOMEPLACE TO GO...AN OPPORTUNITY.

THE SOUTH POLAR ZONE...

DOMINIC! DOMINIC VERNIUS! WHERE ARE YOU?

IT'S ONE OF THOSE FREMEN LADS!

HOW DID YOU FIND US?

I CAN ALWAYS FIND YOU.

I NEED TO BE AWAY FROM MY PEOPLE FOR A TIME. I WANT TO JOIN YOU. BE A SMUGGLER.

A SMUGGLER, EH?

YOU HAVE PERFECT TIMING. COME ALONG--WE DEPART FOR *SALUSA SECUNDUS* BEFORE END OF DAY!

IX

IT WAS A SLAP IN THE FACE TO THE VILE TLEILAXU.

WE CAUSED SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE, BUT IT HAD NO OBVIOUS EFFECT.

THE SARDAUKAR HAVE CRACKED DOWN.

PRINCE RHOMBUR HAS STILL NOT RETURNED.

AND MIRAL HAS VANISHED. I FEAR THE TLEILAXU HAVE TAKEN HER.

WHERE IS THE YOUNG WOMAN WHO USED TO WORK THIS POSITION? I HAVEN'T SEEN HER--

WHY DO YOU WANT TO KNOW? I HAVE HER POSITION NOW!

I DON'T KNOW WHERE SHE IS.

THIS DOES NOT FEEL LIKE A VICTORY.

THIS IS MY REPORT ON OUR SUCCESS. MAKE SURE IT IS DELIVERED TO COUNT FENRING IMMEDIATELY!

YES, MASTER AJIDICA.

AT LEAST OUR SACRED RESEARCH LAB WAS UNDAMAGED BY THE TERRORIST ATTACKS...

WE HAVE FINALLY SUCCEEDED IN OUR AMAL PROJECT. IXIAN TECHNOLOGY BLENDED WITH TLEILAXU BIOLOGICAL EXPERTISE...

...AND THE RESOURCES OF FLESH.

THE AMAL IS READY, MASTER AJIDICA. IT IS PERFECT.

AND WE CAN BEGIN TO MASS PRODUCE IT.

WE WILL USE OUR NEW MODIFIED AXLOTL TANKS TO PRODUCE EXACTLY WHAT WE NEED.

SYNTHETIC SPICE!

CASTLE CALADAN

AND THE 'THOPTER COMES IN FOR A LANDING...

YOU BEHAVE LIKE A FOOL, LETO. VICTOR IS TOO OLD FOR THAT!

OUR SON CERTAINLY DOESN'T THINK SO!

YOU TREAT ME LIKE A CHILD AS WELL! AT EVERY TURN!

I WON'T FIGHT YOU, KAILEA. I HAVE HAD ENOUGH.

MY LORD, OUR LUNCH IS READY ON THE TERRACE. YOU WANTED TO DISCUSS EXPANDING MOONFISH OPERATIONS...

THEN I LEAVE YOU TO YOUR FISH AND YOUR WHORE!

SWAIN GOIRE, YOU ARE ALWAYS GOOD COMPANY. ESCORT ME TO MY BROTHER!

BITTERNESS EATS HER INSIDE. I DON'T WANT TO BE HER ENEMY.

NEITHER DO I. BUT SHE WORKS HARD TO MAKE HERSELF UNLOVED AT EVERY TURN.

YOU ALWAYS PROTECT ME...

I DO MY DUTY, MY LADY. DUKE LETO ASKED ME TO TAKE CARE OF YOU.

BROTHER! YOU MUST DO SOMETHING! I BEG YOU!

KAILEA, UH, BUT THERE IS ALREADY CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION! THE REBELS STRUCK A GREAT BLOW FOR US ON IX!

NOT ON IX! IT'S LETO!

ALL YOU DO IS COMPLAIN! LETO WON'T MARRY YOU. HE PLAYS TOO ROUGH WITH VICTOR. HE SPENDS TOO MUCH TIME WITH JESSICA. HE WON'T TAKE YOU TO KAITAIN OFTEN ENOUGH.

I AM TIRED OF TRYING TO MEDIATE BETWEEN YOU TWO!

MY LADY...

ONLY YOU UNDERSTAND ME, SWAIN GOIRE!

LETO IS THE DUKE AND HE THINKS HE CAN TAKE WHATEVER HE WANTS! ANY *CONCUBINE* HE WANTS!

MY LADY...?

I HAVE NEEDS TOO.

GIEDI PRIME
HARKONNEN SLAVE PITS

IT HAS BEEN TWO MONTHS SINCE RABBAN MURDERED MY SISTER BHETH.

THE HARKONNEN SLAVE MASTERS THINK ALL IS NORMAL.

KEEP LOADING THAT BLUE OBSIDIAN! ANOTHER TWO DAYS AND THE HAULER WILL BE LOADED!

MY CHANCE...

THEY BELIEVE THEY HAVE BEATEN IT ALL OUT OF ME.

BUT MAYBE I CAN GET AWAY, HITCH A RIDE WITH SOME RICH NOBLEMAN'S SHIPMENT OF BLUE OBSIDIAN.

FIRST, I HAVE TO GET INTO THE INFIRMARY...

FWWSHHHHH

YOU'VE BEEN WARNED, PRISONER HALLECK!

HE WON'T LEARN.

UGGNHHHHH...

I JUST HAVE TO HOPE THEY DON'T KILL ME...

ALIVE...DON'T KNOW HOW BAD IT IS.

NO MATTER--I CAN ENDURE WHATEVER IS NECESSARY. NOT MUCH TIME.

WHAT... DAY IS IT?

ABOUT TIME YOU REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS! YOU'VE BEEN HERE A DAY.

WHY ARE SLAVES SO STUPID? MAKES MORE WORK FOR ME...

NIGHT

IT'S QUIET ENOUGH TO MAKE MY MOVE.

FORTUNATELY, THE MEDICAL STAFF PARTAKES IN THEIR OWN DRUGS.

MY BEST OPPORTUNITY...

KIRAR. THE PARALYTIC THEY USED ON ME... MADE ME HELPLESS SO I HAD TO WATCH WHAT THEY DID TO BHETH...

NOW I CAN USE IT FOR SOMETHING ELSE.

JUST NEED TO GET ACROSS THE COMPOUND...

JUST...A LITTLE... MORE...

IT'S FULL, SCHEDULED TO LEAVE TOMORROW...

SHARP EDGES...WHAT'S A FEW MORE CUTS NOW?

ONE OF THESE PARALYZED ME SO I COULDN'T MOVE A MUSCLE. NOW I NEED TO BE IN A DEEP, DEEP COMA.

I HOPE I SURVIVE THE JOURNEY...

WHEN I AWAKE, I WILL BE FAR FROM GIEDI PRIME.

TO BE CONTINUED...

THE EXPANSE CONTINUES AT BOOM! STUDIOS

Sometimes you get what you want, just not the way you expect.

I wanted more of *The Expanse*, and I wasn't alone. The TV show got me hooked from the start, and between episodes I devoured *Leviathan Wakes*, the first in James SA Corey's Hugo Award-winning novel series from which it was adapted. Waiting for the next season — and the next, and the next — always felt like a hard time. Fortunately I had the books, short stories and novellas to immerse myself in.

Created by James SA Corey — the pen-name of authors Daniel Abraham and Ty Franck — *The Expanse* weaves a vast and sprawling story with multiple viewpoint characters, as the human race struggles to colonise the vast gulf of our solar system. But of course, people are still people. Even 200 years in the future, we're still just apes who throw rocks. It's just that the rocks are bigger. A lot bigger…

That kind of scale might not seem to lend itself to the budgetary restraints of the small screen, but they pulled off a miracle — and they didn't dumb it down for TV! How often do we get to say that about award-winning science fiction…?

They say all good things must come to an end… but they're wrong. After three outstanding seasons, *The Expanse* was cancelled by the SYFY Channel, but fans of *The Expanse* mounted a passionate campaign to get it picked up by another studio — and it worked! Another miracle! We got three more excellent seasons via Amazon. *The Expanse* fans understand that real fans aren't gatekeepers, they're evangelists. We share the love.

While we waited in hope for more, I kept *The Expanse* alive by re-watching the show with my son, playing the RPG (terrible Belter accent and all) live on Twitch, and lining up at New York Comic Con to get my photo taken aboard the Rocinante. I was grateful for what we'd been given, but I still wanted more…

… Until, quite out of the blue, BOOM! Studios' Jon Moisan emailed to ask if I'd have any interest in writing a new comic series of *The Expanse*.

I swear, I jumped at the offer so fast, I should have been strapped into a crash couch.

Like I said, sometimes you get what you want, just not the way you expect. I wanted more of *The Expanse*… but I never even dared to dream I'd be writing it myself. Now it's real. It's happening. I'm writing these characters I know and love — Holden, Naomi, Amos, Bobbie, Clarissa, Avasarala, Drummer — and you'd better believe I'm grinning while I do it.

The Expanse: Dragon Tooth is a continuation of the TV show's storyline, set soon after the finale of season six. Our first issue is due out in April, and the Kickstarter for exclusive limited-edition collections is currently rocketing towards a million dollars in pledges. The fans pulled off another miracle, and the Rocinante is ready to roll again.

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ANDY DIGGLE
WRITER, *THE EXPANSE: DRAGON TOOTH*

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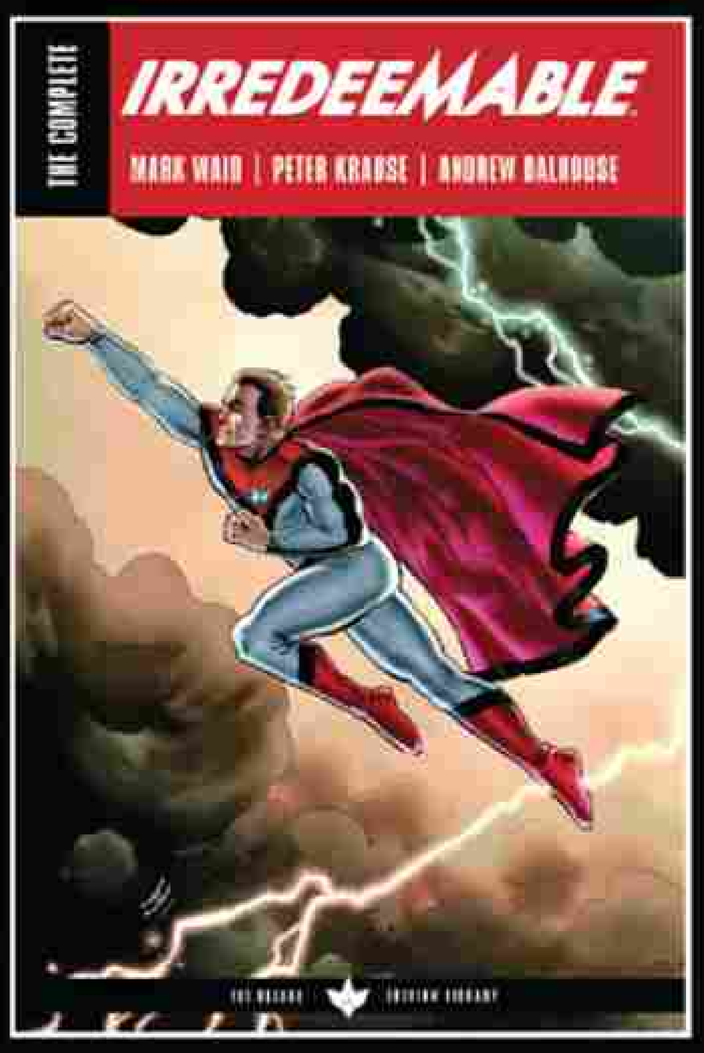

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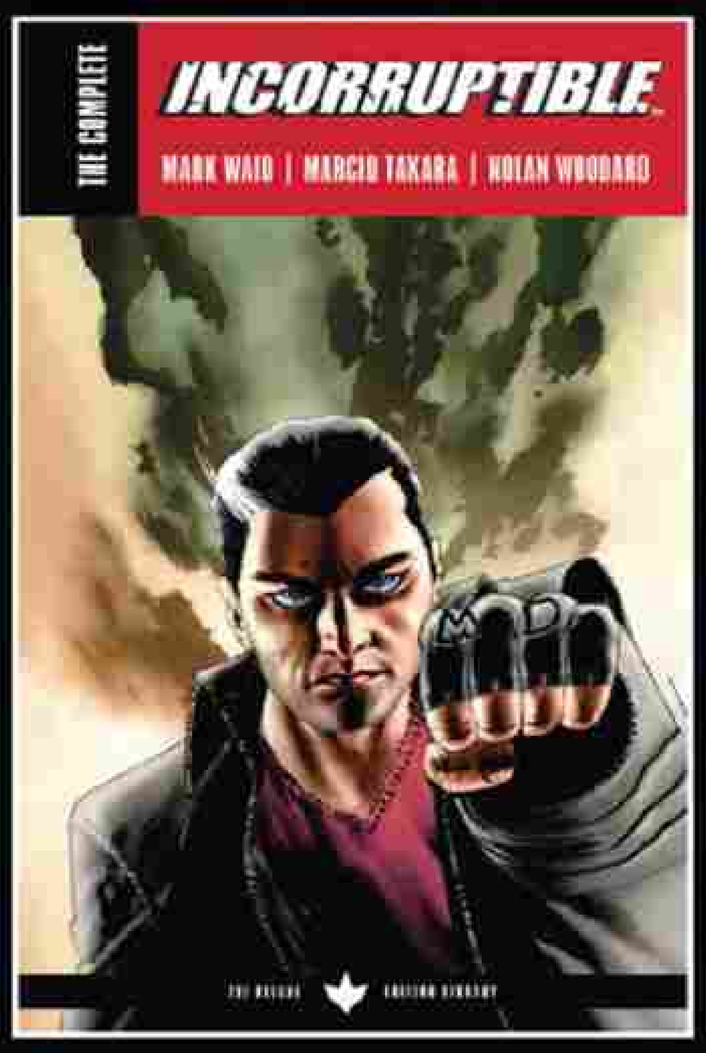

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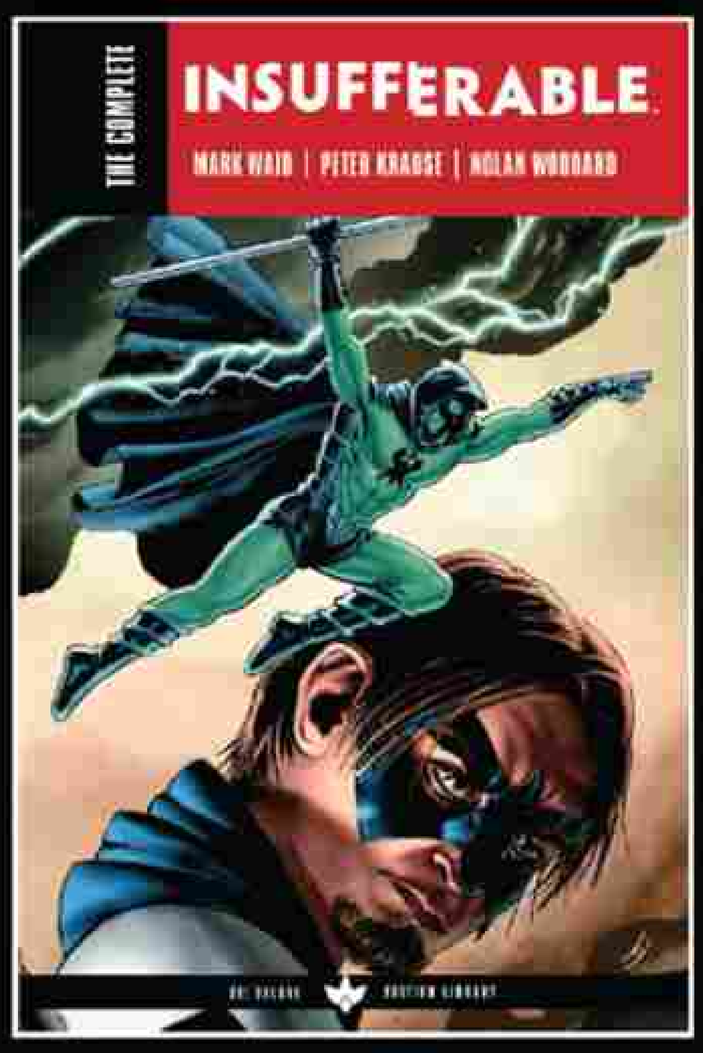

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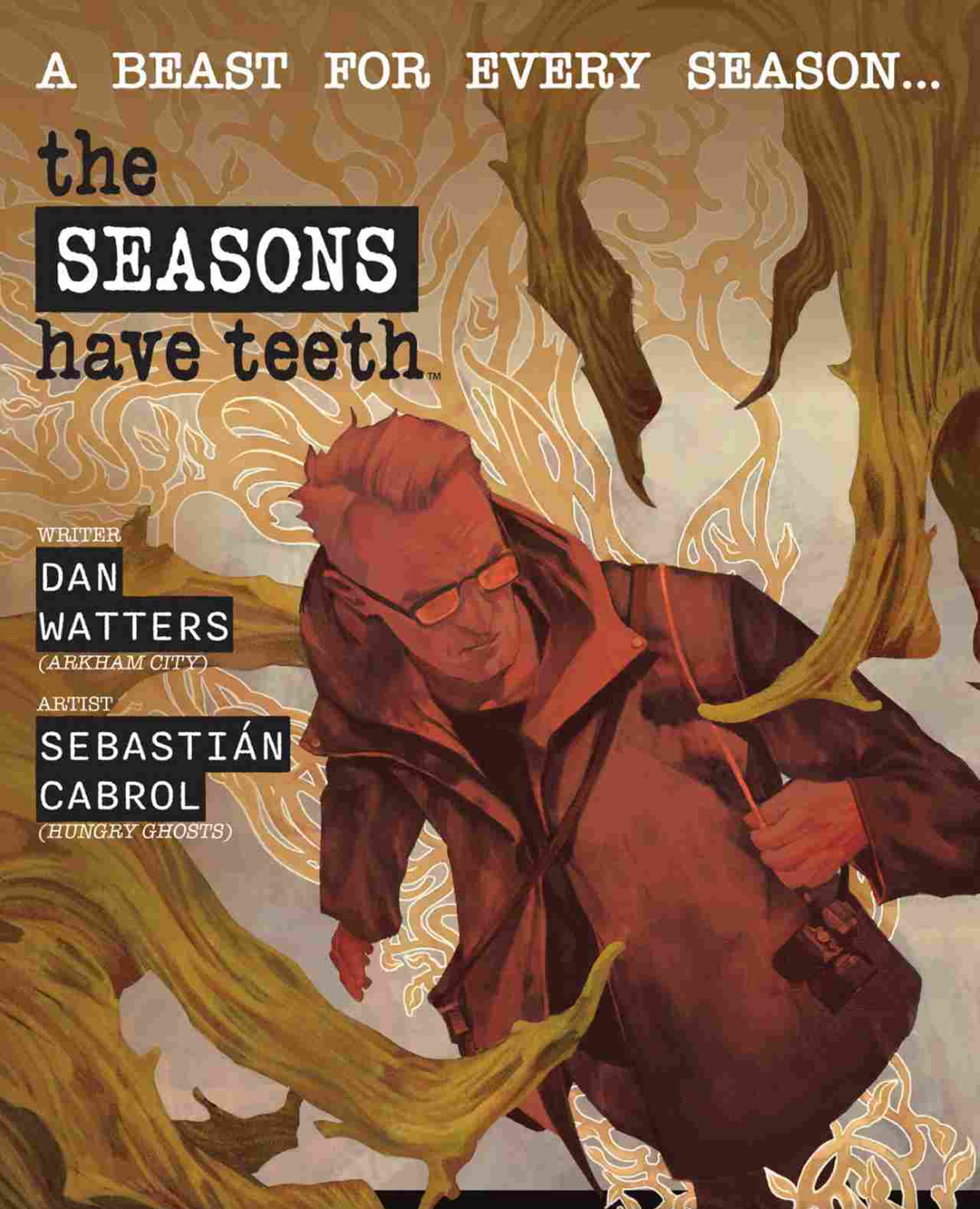

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